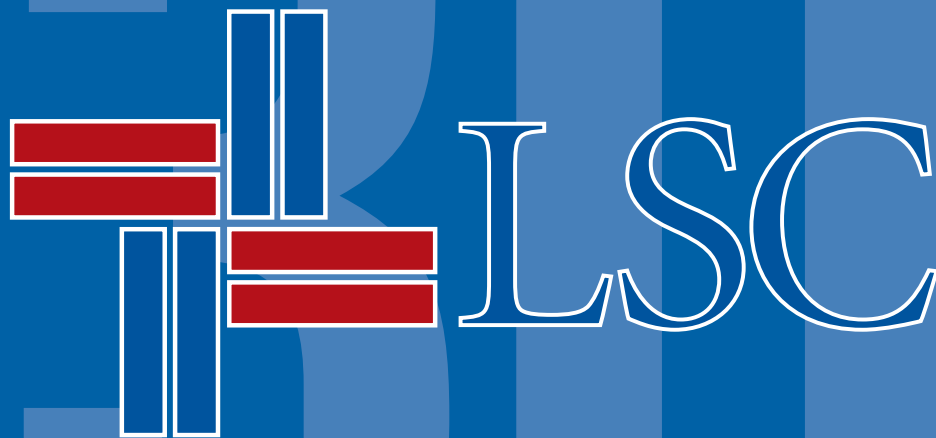


LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION



thirtieth anniversary

**PRIDE IN THE PAST
VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

November 30, 2004
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COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

HON. MELVIN L. WATT

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. WATT. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 30th anniversary of the Legal Services Corporation (LSC), a nonprofit organization created by Congress in 1974 to ensure that Americans have access to our justice system regardless of their economic means. For three decades, LSC has lived up to the noble purpose for which it was created—providing legal assistance in civil matters to tens of millions of low-income Americans who would otherwise have gone without counsel. The Legal Services Corporation Act of 1974 was passed with broad bipartisan support in Congress and, thirty years later, broad bipartisan support for a strong federal role in equal justice efforts remains. LSC's past and current leaders, as well as the thousands of advocates who work for LSC-funded legal services programs throughout America, deserve credit for the vital work they do every day on behalf of clients in desperate need of qualified counsel.

Today, there are currently more than 45.2 million Americans who qualify for assistance from one of LSC's 143 grantees nationwide. Legal services' clients are as diverse as our nation, encompassing all races; ethnic groups and ages. They include the working poor, veterans, family farmers, people with disabilities and victims of natural disasters. More than two-thirds of LSC clients are women—most of them mothers.

The legal problems faced by those living in poverty can have serious, long-term consequences for children and, as a result, for society as a whole. The most common types of cases handled by LSC-funded advocates address family law, housing, employment, government benefits and consumer-related issues. For low-income individuals and families, legal services advocacy in these and other areas represents their only means of access to the justice system.

In addition to helping people resolve some of their immediate economic and legal needs, LSC programs also educate people on their rights and responsibilities under the law. With this information, clients can use their knowledge to work within the justice system to re-establish economic independence. With LSC's help, families can maintain their incomes, homes, health benefits and their dignity.

More than two centuries ago, our founding fathers enshrined the importance of equal justice in the preamble to the Constitution, identifying the obligation "to establish justice" as the first specific function of the new government. Justice, then, is not simply another government aspiration; it is the historic mandate of a free society. On the occasion of the LSC's 30th anniversary, members of Congress should take note and pay homage to the Legal Services Corporation and the critical role it has played in helping America live up to this mandate and our highest ideals.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 18, 2004

I send greetings to those celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Legal Services Corporation.

A responsible and compassionate society protects its most vulnerable citizens. For three decades, LSC has helped fund legal assistance for low-income individuals in need. Through your programs, your organization has contributed to a fair and effective judicial system and advanced the ideals that make our country strong.

I applaud your commitment to upholding the fundamental principles of opportunity and equal justice for all. Your efforts help make our country a more hopeful place.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes.

November 20, 2004

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30th Anniversary Celebration

“PRIDE IN THE PAST—VISION FOR THE FUTURE”

Tuesday, November 30, 2004

Omni Shoreham Hotel – Washington, DC

Plenary Session

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Blue Room

Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Helaine M. Barnett, LSC President

Guest Speakers

- Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye, State of New York
- Robert J. Grey, Jr., President, American Bar Association

Video Greetings

- Senator Pete Domenici
- Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton

“Pride in the Past”

Looking Back Over the Past Decades

- 1960s – Justice Earl Johnson—Director, OEO Legal Services Program
- 1970s – Thomas Ehrlich—First LSC President
- 1980s – Justice Howard Dana—LSC Board Member
- 1990s – LaVeeda Morgan Battle—LSC Board Member

The Legal Services Corporation Today

- Frank B. Strickland, Chairman

Client Perspective

- Gwendolyn Johnson, Legal Aid Bureau of Maryland

Commemorative Video Presentation

“Vision for the Future”

- Helaine M. Barnett

Reception

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Empire Room

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Chairman



Helaine M. Barnett
President



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LSC Presidents

Eighteen people have held the Presidency of the Legal Services Corporation since 1974, when Congress established the independent, nonprofit LSC to promote equal access to justice for Americans unable to afford civil legal representation. The LSC President is appointed by an 11-member Board of Directors chosen by the President of the United States and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.



Thomas Ehrlich
1976 - 1979



Alice Daniel
1979



Dan J. Bradley
1979 - 1982



Gerald M. Caplan
1982



Clint Lyons
1982



Donald P. Bogard
1982 - 1985



Thomas J. Opsut
1985



James H. Wentzel
1985 - 1987



John H. Bayly
1987 - 1988



Terrance J. Wear
1988 - 1990



Emilia DiSanto
1990



David H. Martin
1990 - 1991



John P. O'Hara
1991 - 1993



Alexander D. Forger
1994 - 1997



Martha Bergmark
1997



John McKay
1997 - 2001



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2001 - 2004



Helaine M. Barnett
2004 -

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